

# GOP Strong Commitment to VA Medical Care

Fiscal Year	VA Medical Care Appropriation (\$ in Billions)	Increase (\$ in Billions)	Percent Increase
<b>1998</b>	<b>17.057</b>		
<b>1999</b>	<b>17.306</b>	<b>0.249</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>18.926</b>	<b>1.620</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>20.282</b>	<b>1.356</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>21.331</b>	<b>1.049</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>23.889*</b>	<b>2.558</b>	<b>12.0</b>

\*Includes \$1.145 billion to preclude the need for a \$1,500 deductible.

Source: CBO.